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Hiya Folks,

It's been a long, long time since I started a regular letter, hasn't it? - Well, even now I'm not back to our camp, but by using what I have at my disposal - I'll at least start a letter - and then finish it tomorrow at camp. (I hope I'm back in camp by then. - I could ~~go~~ just stay in "rest camp" for the "duration plus" - but can't get my missions in that way - so will go back and make like I'm mad at someone!)

Rest Camp - a very well known, much visited spot - did pretty good by me - not so much in the "rest" sense - but it certainly gave me the change! We were there for about 8 days. - 'Course - we spent one day in transit going - and will have two coming. - He went to the airchrome this morning but couldn't find a ride - so had to return to town & the hotel. He all wanted to go back tho - for we are beginning to long for our own "sack" and for

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our mail that we hope is waiting for us!

Let's see now. - Our stay - started out to be the "rest" it was supposed to be - due both to rain and not being too much to do. - Some of the fellows from our Sqdn were already there - and of course, as is always the case when you have a gathering of Air Corp personnel - we likewise ran into lots of whom we knew before and - lots more whom we got to know. It was an entirely different set up than from the 1st rest camp back in Sept. tho.

Then on about my third day - I was somehow lucky enough to get to meet some flight (evacuation) nurses, and from then on I really had fun! - These particular nurses "spurned" rank (most nurses only date Majors, etc.) so we poor 1sts. had us a regular field day! - They were all young - and best all - pretty, or at least very attractive! -

The one in particular I seemed to "go" with was named "Ann" - and Ed. Gray (from our sqdn) and I really ran ~~her~~ a race! - He - one or the other of us always escorted her to every meal - every dance - and every show! - and usually Ed

3! was either trying to ditch me - or I, him! -
During the day - we "sight-sawed" the places of
interest - and/or combined same with mountain
climbing. - ~~at~~ (Pardon - I ran out of ink and
no more here with me.) In the beginning
we would walk - and boy - there nurses
would walk rings around us! So finally, I
decided I'd out-walk ~~down~~ one day - or drop
trying - so we took off right after breakfast
carried lunch - and got back only before
supper! - Made a day of it! - But tho I
was chagging - barely making it - she
was as bad off - so had to at least give
me "part" credit - tho naturally she wouldn't
admit defeat! That was the day we left
the regular paths and struck out over land!
Golly - some of those places we climbed - had
to keep on ahead for I just about chid every-
time I'd look down! She was game tho -
and just about as good a spot & pal as
they come! -

Saturday night there was a big dance
and we really did that up brown too! -

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dresses! - Golly - our jaws just dropped open
and hung there. - He had forgotten how
nice a girl could look all diked out!
Hell, you can just guess we, the men
escorts, just about broke the buttons off
our blouses with pride. - Don't mind saying
we were the envy of each man present, I
betcha! And for good reason!

Anyhow - we are all bound back to
our jobs - only having some memories -
and as for me - dead tired. Tho I am to
the point where I can walk great distances
even tho I still don't think much of it!
It was lots of fun - and something that will
always be remembered. - Have lots of pictures,
including another portrait, of sorts, and am
still wondering how I ever rated such a good
time..

And now - bringing you up to date. - He
couldn't get a plane back to our field today
so are staying over, here. And taking advantage
of the time - resting! - Or was - until I had

5! to just take Ed Gray off to a hospital
awhile ago! - This afternoon after we
got back from the airhome he was taken
sick. - Thought it was something he ate,
but don't know. - His stomach was upset
and when I got hold of a doc to give him
something to settle his stomach - the doc
found his temperature was 102° - so
he took him to the hospital. - I still
think it's nothing serious tho, for I
know if I had vomited as much as he
did - my temperature would have been
up too! - And as further proof - I've had a
slight case of diarrhea myself.

Thursday March 16.

Hello again! - Got back to my tent
about 8 last night and have been busy
unpacking and straightening up. - Still have
a lot to do in the straightening up line!

Found quite a few surprises awaiting
me. - Two packages - one from Sister Postmark
Jan 22 and one from Fred & Marion. The two of

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-- you must have gotten together for both packages were along the same line. Food! Sister's the mother, damn nature, butter, thins, turkey a la king, and nabiscos! - Fud's + Maione of Sherry nuts, Peanut butter, sliced chicken, + jelly! Quite a dinner we can get up now with our own local purchases of eggs! - Won't you come over and join us?

And then, too, the letters waiting weren't to be sneezed at either. - I must have had about seven or eight from Sister, one from Carol, and even one from Alice + Levi!

Oh, yes, - after I had been home about an hour or so, I was told I could remove my old corroded gold bars - that while I was gone my first pay promotion papers had come through! - (I hadn't shined my gold bars since arriving overseas so you can imagine how badly they looked! -) Don't know as I feel any different now that I have some "rank" to pull on someone.

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Been waiting so long for it that it has sorta taken some of the thrill away from it! - I'm glad I got it, tho, don't get me wrong.

Well, the evening is wearing along, and as this is closely written - guess there's quite a bit here anyway! Besides, I have another letter I would like to get off - so better get on it.

I'm on the schedule again for tomorrow for the first time this month! - Haven't even gotten my flying timer yet! - So - please - keep on with the finger crossings 'cause if the current rumors are correct - I really haven't far to go!

Bye now - and don't relax for an instant!

Lots of Love,
Frank

Am enclosing one of my portraits. - The "halo" didn't come out!